

PLANTING
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DEVOTED TO
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OF THE NEXT
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WHY PLANT CHURCHES?



IT IS BIBLICAL

When the early church went out into the world to “help people far from God trust and follow Jesus” they didn’t only seek converts, they built communities. This is why we have the New Testament at all. Much of the book of Acts is the story of planting churches. The remainder of the New Testament is made up of letters to the churches that were planted or to their leaders.

In short, the local church and planting new churches was the assumed norm for the New Testament believers.

IT IS EFFECTIVE

Dozens of studies confirm the average new church gains most of its new members from the ranks of people who are not attending any worshipping body. New congregations with younger people are shown to bring 6 to 8 times more unchurched people than older congregations.

The average new church congregation is made up of 40% who were previously unchurched.

New churches are forced to focus on those outside the walls. It comes with the territory. So, if we want to see people we care about who are far from God come into a trusting and following relationship with Jesus we should pray for, give towards, and do what we can to see as many churches planted as possible.

“Planting churches is the single most effective evangelistic methodology known under heaven.”

– C. Peter Wagner,
Professor of Church Growth,
Fuller Theological Seminary.

New churches are effective at two things desperately needed in our time:

1. Attracting and giving a place for the younger generation.
2. Inspiring existing churches to renew and revitalize.



IT IS NEEDED...NOW

If trends continue some 45 million young people will disaffiliate from the church in the next 30 years. But, focused proactivity can turn this alarming loss into a record setting gain.

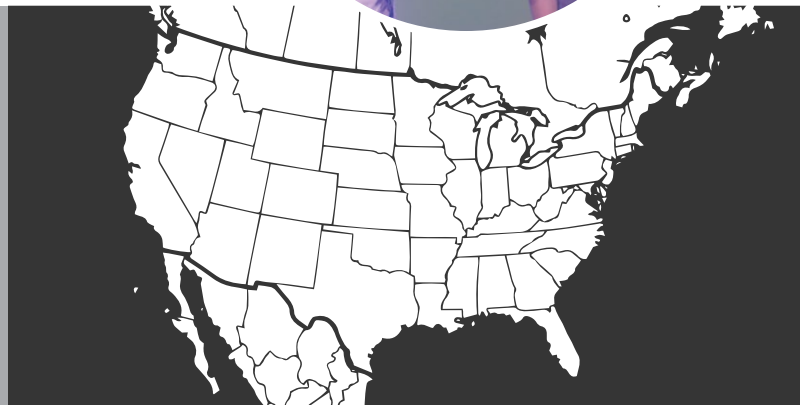
There is an average of 4000 churches planted every year in the US. But, there is also an average of 3700 churches closing every year. That is a net gain of only 300 churches per year. That is not nearly enough to impact the next generation going forward.

Studies show most people settle their religious affiliation by the time they are 35. The oldest millennials have already passed that age. Generation Z is fastly approaching that time. We need action now to serve the next generation.



The next 30 years will represent the largest missions opportunity in the history of North America.

– Pine Tops Foundation Study.



HOW?



COLLABORATION

One Life is under no illusions that we can make any kind of lasting impact on this challenge on our own. What is more, we don't want to try. We believe our local church is simply one expression of the much greater and powerful global Church. We have been actively pursuing like-minded people from other churches, developing relationships with them and doing what we can to lend our support, our experience and prayers to build healthy churches no matter where they come from. Looking ahead, we want to do this more and more.

EDUCATION

We believe a vital part of our calling and contribution is producing materials which challenge the worldview growing among the next generation.

We want our contribution to the church planting effort to be to insure leaders and their church planting teams will get the very best resources. This means we will increasingly host conferences and seek to be a part of training leaders anywhere we have open doors.

INNOVATION

One of the core values One Life was founded on is our belief in artful creativity. We believe the church should actively pursue artistic expressions and innovation in the face of various challenges it faces. Another contribution One Life can make to church planting is encouraging and fanning the flame of innovative and artistic approaches to the task.



WHERE?



● REGIONAL

Our first responsibility is the home where God has placed us. The Tri-State area needs attention and focus to inspire new churches which will reach our neighbors.



● NATIONAL

For many years now we have had a special relationship with a very effective church network in New York City. We want to expand and deepen that relationship because New York City is the single most influential city in the world.



● GLOBAL

Many of the same people who founded One Life also founded the global missions organization, Uncharted International. It's founding purpose was to plant churches in the least reached places of the world. Now Uncharted is an independent organization more dedicated than ever to living out its founding purpose. Going forward, we want to be more dedicated than ever to supporting and working with Uncharted.



● VIRTUAL

We are living during one of the greatest revolutions in history - the Communication Revolution. Smart phones, Internet and social media have become part of the fabric of life for billions around the world. The Church has a solemn obligation and opportunity to go where people are. We want to build our online presence and influence to entirely new levels.



WHO?



HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

Remember: when we know where we're going and what we're called to do, every move we make together in that direction can have a powerful collective impact.

We all contribute when we:

WORSHIP extravagantly through prayer that believes spiritual power is real, by giving Jesus our passionate best and becoming genuinely generous people.

LOVE by doing life in groups and teams and doing all we can to ensure that every group and team truly helps people trust and follow Jesus.

Show **COMPASSION** by seeing ourselves as city building, neighbor loving, invitation extending ambassadors who help those far from God to trust and follow Jesus.

“Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.”

– Martin Luther King Jr.

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

– 1 Thessalonians 5:11



TOWARDS A FINANCIAL NEW NORMAL



WHEN IT COMES TO OUR FINANCES WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

Being Realistic: The question of funding is nearly always a factor in progress.

Being Sympathetic: We understand talk of finances raises suspicions.

Being Content: We will be grateful for all we have.

Being Decisive: We will decide, once and for all, to be generous people who honor God with our finances.

To take a major step into our vision we would like to raise \$250,000 over our 2020 budget (a roughly 13% increase) and then sustain that level as a baseline for growth in the years to come.

While that sounds like a lot, it translates into roughly an additional \$350 per family for the year. We know some can't go that high; others could go much higher. If we all make a move we can do it.

THE ADDITIONAL MONEY WOULD FUND:

1. Development of a One Life Kids Curriculum built around our vision.
2. A church planting fund for sites and the beginnings of a Network.
3. Adding staffing to our Next Generation (kids, students, young adults).
4. Upgrading production at all of our current sites.
5. Building a virtual - producing studio and creating the ability to broadcast services.
6. And... giving much more substantially to our local and global partners.

10% of all we receive goes outside our doors to partners who help us make an impact locally and globally

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Helping plant churches
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Helping enrich the
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